

## Fire Levels 50 Acres!

### Michigan City Loss \$1 Million

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind.—Firemen here continued this morning to battle a fire that has been described as the largest in the city's history.

Assistant Fire Chief Clinton Powell said firemen were still spraying water on smoldering piles of rubble inside the shell of what used to be the Pullman-Standard complex near the downtown Michigan City business district. But the fire was finally under control, he added.

A co-owner of the property estimated loss might run as high as \$1 million, only partly insured.

Powell said that while arson is suspected as a possible cause of the blaze, there was no evidence as of this forenoon to confirm it.

He said the department is trying to determine what caused several explosions which occurred as firemen from Michigan City and neighboring communities fought the flames that consumed most of an eight-square-block building complex.

The buildings, where railroad cars were once manufactured, are owned by a realty company and were used for storage space by a number of other firms, Powell said.

Nate Winski, a co-owner of the complex, said the buildings were valued at more than \$1 million and may be a complete loss.

Only an office area was insured, he told the Associated Press.

Powell, a 20-year-veteran of the fire department, said the fire

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FIFTY-ACRE BLAZE: Sheets of flame billow from Pullman-Standard complex in Michigan

City, Ind. as flames consume an estimated 50-acres of building, causing damage that has been

estimated at \$1 million. (Photo courtesy Michigan City News-Dispatch)



**ABOUT PHASE 4:** Treasury Secretary George Shultz briefs newsmen Wednesday in the White House on President Nixon's Phase 4 price rules which will be much like those that existed during the mandatory controls system known as Phase 2. Shultz said President Nixon has lifted the 60-day price freeze in the food and health industries but retained it over most of the economy until tough new controls take effect Aug. 12. (AP Wirephoto)

## Americans Facing Higher Food Costs As Phase 4 Begins

By R. GREGORY NOKES  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are facing significantly higher food prices now that President Nixon has lifted the price freeze from the food industry as part of his Phase 4 anti-inflation program. Only beef remains subject to strict price ceilings, and then

only until Sept. 12. Lifting the freeze from the food industry was Nixon's first move into his new Phase 4 wage and price controls system.

Reaction from congressional, labor and business leaders to Wednesday's economic announcement centered mainly around the moves to return food to a free-market situation.

Non-food items will remain under the provisions of the 60-day freeze announced June 13 by Nixon, until its expiration Aug. 12. At that time non-food goods will become subject to Phase 4 regulations.

There will be price ceilings for gasoline, heating oil and diesel fuel under Phase 4, and big business will be required to absorb some of its increased costs by cutting down on profit margins.

The President said in a statement: "There is no way, with or without controls, to prevent substantial rise of food prices."

"The evidence is becoming

overwhelming that only if a rise of food prices is permitted now can we avoid shortages and still higher prices later," he said.

Prices are likely to increase the most in the next few days for poultry and pork products, and fresh fruits and vegetables, all of which were reported to be severely pinched by the price freeze.

The President said he would do "everything in my power" to end wage and price controls by (See back page, sec. 1, col. 7)

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## Vandals Spoil Research Work

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A six-year experiment in kidney transplants was disrupted when vandals set free 82 dogs at two Michigan State University buildings, officials said.

Fred Bruford, an MSU spokesman, said the release of 22 dogs in the Live Science

Building disrupted the transplant experiments, which involved careful selection and categorizing of the animals. Dr. Robert Bull began the project six years ago.

"The experiment will have to be done all over again because the vandals mixed the different groups together," Bruford said.

won't negotiate with every bum around."

By then the Libyan and Egyptian ambassadors had arrived at the luxury Amalia Hotel to talk to the gunman. He spoke only Arabic.

The hostages included American guests in the hotel, two Greek policemen, a priest, some children and hotel employees. The Palestinian took 40 persons hostage at the hotel initially, but released all but 15 of them.

One of those freed was Mrs. Androniki Ezlambiadoti, 70, of Wilmington, Del.

The terrorist, who appeared to be in his late 20s, was armed with a submachine gun, two hand grenades and two revolvers. He fired a burst from his submachine gun, splattering the walls of the hotel lobby, but hit no one.

"I am not afraid to die," the terrorist told Associated Press correspondent Philip Dopoulos. "I have no desire to live. After I shoot these people, I will pull the pin out of my hand grenade and kill myself and everyone else around."

"Get me Patakos or else."

The man said he came from "occupied Palestine" but did not give his name.

He appeared first at the glass front doors of the local office of El Al, the Israeli airline, located on Constitution Square, the busy center of the Greek capital.

As he swung open the outer doors, a security guard inside spotted his submachine gun and tripped the automatic lock on the inner doors.

The gunman tried unsuccessfully to break through the inner doors, then fled into a side street.

Scores of police rushed to the square, roped off the area, diverted traffic and began a search of the buildings in the

area. The gunman, meanwhile, ran into the luxurious Amalia Hotel and rounded up 15 persons in the lobby.

A high-ranking police official entered but could not talk to the man because of language difficulties. The official said he appeared highly nervous and attributed his burst of gunfire to this.

The man demanded to speak to a foreign journalist, and Dopoulos, a native of New Rochelle, N. Y., was invited in.

Using an Arab-English translator, they talked under a marble stairway with the hostages nearby.

The man held the submachine gun in one hand as he talked and a grenade in the other. Another grenade was in his pocket, and two revolvers were on the floor at his feet.

After their conversation, Dopoulos left the hotel and told the police what had been said. Then police officials re-entered the hotel and tried to negotiate directly with the man.

## New Rest Area Open At Coloma

State highway officials this week opened the area's newest expressway rest area, on eastbound I-94 southwest of Coloma.

The 45-acre rest area, heavily wooded and including flowering dogwood and tulip trees unique to southern Michigan, was one of two opened this week. The other is on northbound US-23 near Linwood in Bay county.

The two raise the number of rest areas on Michigan's 1,495 miles of freeway to 65.

The new Berrien county rest area has a \$92,000 brick building by Holland Construction Co. of St. Joseph, modern restroom facilities, lighting, telephones, hot and cold running water and a picnic area with cooking facilities and picnic tables. Half of the site is in its natural state.



TENSE WAIT IN ATHENS: Greek police wait outside the downtown Athens hotel where a man armed with a submachine gun,

who tried unsuccessfully to force his way in to local EL Al (Israeli airline) office, was holding 15 persons hostage. (AP Wirephoto)

## Winning Numbers

BAY CITY, Mich. (AP) — Here is today's winning number in the weekly Michigan State Lottery drawing: 850 and 928.

Wanted at once exp. cook. Holmsted Restaurant, 1850 Napier, B.H. Adv.

Judy Neumann at Riverview Beauty Salon. Call 936-6376.

Adv. Style Tress Salon - Open Tues. Sat. 429-4791

### Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at shoreline today is 66 degrees.

## THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

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## Papa Doesn't Know Best-- Citizens Have Rights, Too

St. Joseph City Commissioner Warren Gast thinks it was "poor taste" and "an invasion of privacy" for this newspaper to lift a veil of secrecy that the city commission and City Manager Leland Hill had wrapped around city hall.

Funny, we don't feel the least bit boorish. It's not uncommon for public officials to issue such outraged statements in the wake of uncomfortable exposure of hidden truth. Does anyone remember the early White House comments on Watergate?

This newspaper revealed Monday that Manager Hill, 62, notified the commission last May he plans to retire Oct. 1 and that his apparently hand-picked successor is Asst. City Manager G. W. (Jerry) Heppler, 44.

The news article noted that the commission "seems set to appoint Heppler in the same breath it announces Hill's retirement" but that "exact plans are hazy because Hill and the commission have purposely kept Hill's resignation and discussions of a successor away from public view."

Contacted before publication of the article, Hill evidenced irritation that word had leaked out but confirmed the basic account and even added some details. One member of the commission likewise confirmed the facts prior to publication.

After publication, no member of the commission denied the fundamental truth nor the effort at secrecy.

The issue here is not Jerry Heppler's qualification for city manager. He could well be the best man for the job. He's a registered engineer, has 11 years of service with the city, enjoys a reputation for integrity, is a native son of St. Joseph — and, incidentally, had no part in the shrouded maneuvering at city hall.

The issue is that the public has a right to air its views on so important a decision as picking a manager.

Hill has been manager 22 years. His predecessor, Herman Crow, was manager for 23 years. The pattern suggests that the man who succeeds Hill will be around a long time. He will play the most important role in determining how St. Joseph citizens are served and what their city will become.

Every citizen should have ample time to consider the appointment and communicate with the commission. Only after taking the public into its confidence should the commission exercise its charter prerogative of appointing a manager. The commission is elected to serve and represent the people, not rule them.

To hide the fact of a public employee's pending retirement doesn't legitimately guard his privacy. It does invite suspicion that something's being railroaded. "Papa knows best" isn't the way to approach selection of a manager. This warrants an all-family discussion.

## You're On Tape More And More

Commissioner Gast's outburst against our disclosure of the city fathers pretty much agreeing to appoint City Manager Hill's hand-picked successor for his job as an invasion of the retiring manager's privacy prompts the question of what does he think of President Nixon secretly taping all White House conversations with his aides, well wishers, importuners and other assorted personages.

This has been a favorite Washington game ever since the electronic geniuses brought forth effective bugging devices.

There is a great reluctance among most people, in or out of government, to put things in writing for the very human reason that most of us don't want to be confronted at some future date with statements orally delivered in haste, ill timing, or improvidence in general; and the human instinct to renege when a fact situation changes for the worst is almost as strong as the hunger and sex urges.

The recording, specially if taken secretly, is the best means for telling it like it was, with one provision. The artful bugger can bug the recording.

Going on the assumption there has been no bugging of the tapes, the Wa-

tergate Committee is panting hard and heavy to listen to the recordings taken in the Oval Room from June, 1972, up to the present.

Its members object strenuously to thoughts of their utterances being recorded for posterity, but contend the President should pull his conversations from the vaults.

Taking Nixon's statement at face value that he installed the recording system for historical purposes, which is the same philosophy behind some 200 Presidential tapes filed in the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library, it would seem he would not have investigated the Watergate caper, or condoned it, or directed the effort to cover it up.

Yet it is conceivable, the tapes might give an ambiguous answer, suggesting a gamut of no deep involvement to a lack of complete innocence.

In any event, it would be helpful to bringing the dreary Watergate affair to a close, the President and Congress, can return to the business of running the country for Nixon to play the tapes for all to hear.

He and Senator Ervin could sort the wheat from the chaff, as measured by Watergate. That is, there is no need to play the tape of a Presidential discussion with the French ambassador on differences of position concerning the tariff. But what John Dean, H.R. Halderman, John Erlichman and others may have offered to the Presidential ear or been told in return in the past 13 months could be light at the end of the tunnel.

Months ago Nixon permitted Watergate to get out of hand by over reacting in applying the thoroughly sound doctrine of executive privilege to conduct which has nothing to do with national defense, foreign affairs, regulating interstate commerce and other major concerns of the Presidency.

Consequently the Ervin Committee, whose members are trying to post as many personal Brownie points as possible, and the hysterical media people who have always hated Nixon, have been enjoying a field day in dragging out one tidbit per day throughout the hearings.

This contrived performance has created public distrust and intemperate deductions which paralyze the entire government.

Play the tapes and let the chips fall as they may.

Peruvian Indian shepherds of the high country smear an infant with vicuna bone marrow "so he will run like the vicuna," National Geographic says.

## Gusher



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

### CITIES SERVICE CLOSING SJ OFFICE — 1 Year Ago —

The three-state area administrative office in St. Joseph for Cities Service Oil Co. will be closed as part of a streamlining of the firm's field marketing operations.

Cities Service headquarters in Tulsa, Okla., announced Tuesday it will also close other area offices at Englewood, Colo., N.J.; Baltimore; Milwaukee; Chicago; and Miami, Fla. Area Manager Lou Smith said some 15 employees in the administrative office will be affected.

### AREA WOMAN REPRESENTS CHURCH AT CONVENTION — 10 Years Ago —

Mrs. M.J. Michael of Glendora's Trinity Lutheran church, will represent her church zone in the 10th biennial convention of the International Women's Missionary league, in Kansas City, Mo.

More than 525 delegates and several thousand guests are expected at the conclave, including visitors from every state, Canada and other countries. The league, composed of 250,000 women, is an auxiliary within the Lutheran Church-Missouri synod.

### GERMAN FUEHRER SLIGHTLY HURT — 29 Years Ago —

Berlin announced that Adolf Hitler was burned and bruised in an unsuccessful bomb attempt on his life today.

Three of Hitler's military leaders were injured seriously, while his chief military advisor Col. Gen. Alfred Jodl was less seriously hurt along with five other generals and two admirals. The broadcast announcement did not give the scene of the attack, but it obviously took place while Hitler was surrounded by high members of the military staff—perhaps Hitler's headquarters.

### RETURNS FROM DARTMOUTH — 39 Years Ago —

William L. Wilson Jr. who has been visiting in Concord, N.H., since his graduation from Dartmouth, has returned home. He was accompanied by the C. Roods and T.E. Martin of Hanover who are guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W.L. Wilson.

### BERRIEN COOPERATIVE — 49 Years Ago —

Two other Berrien county cooperative fruit associations will join with the Lake Shore Fruit association at Sawyer in the direct handling of fruit from producer to consumer.

### SOUTH BEND CHAMBER — 59 Years Ago —

The 300 members of the South Bend chamber of commerce, of the St. Joseph development company could not find praises high enough for this city and its surrounding territory.

### WALKING MATCH — 81 Years Ago —

There will be a walking match at Preston's rink Saturday afternoon and evening between Frank Mackey of Benton Harbor and Frank Watson, the champion of St. Joseph. Each contestant has put up \$25 and the winner will get the \$50 and half the gate receipts.

## BERRY'S WORLD



... then about the designated pinch hitter rule, David Eisenhower wrote ...

## Bruce Blossat

## Chappaquiddick Ted's Albatross



WASHINGTON (NEA) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy may have to find some new way to deal with the 1969 Chappaquiddick incident if he decides to seek the 1976 Democratic presidential nomination. I find no sign that the mere passage of time will make the famous episode go away.

On the contrary, there is evidence that there is a curious, murmuring undercurrent running against Ted even as the standard surface markers indicate he is far and away his party's most popular choice at the moment.

At the time of his well-publicized venture into Alabama to share a platform with paralyzed Gov. George Wallace, I checked the mood of leaders in massive New York. Gazing at 1976, one analyst I respect highly said:

"To the extent people are talking of it, they believe Kennedy is leading — but they are looking for somebody else."

No deep new quest is required to search out the reason. It's Chappaquiddick. And anyone probing Democratic governors at the June national conference in Lake Tahoe could quickly discover that this is a national appraisal.

Furthermore, just as "Watergate" for the Nixon administration is today a generic term covering not just the June 17, 1972, bugging and burglary but a whole range of activities, so "Chappaquiddick" could be on the way to becoming generic for Kennedy.

What is quietly troubling Democratic leaders, beyond the hard reality of Chappaquiddick itself, is a cluster of concerns linked to his personal make-up

and problems. Kennedy's attitude (and his family's) toward the peril of being shot as were two of his brothers is high on this list. Party leaders are understanding of this, but it makes them wonder seriously about the extent of the senator's desire for higher office.

They fret about other matters, some of them possibly offshoots in part of the inescapable Kennedy worries over assassination. In this realm, rumor runs rampant and facts are few. Rumors do not deserve to be given currency. The only point to make is that some political leaders this year, as in prior times, think Kennedy either deliberately or unconsciously keeps doubts of his fitness alive — as one means of keeping his options open.

Were there none of this, had there been no Chappaquiddick, the race would probably be over right now and Ted Kennedy as good as nominated.

For it is recognized that as a workman he is a far more qualified and confident man at 41 than he was four or eight years ago. He is widely rated a very competent performer.

As a campaigner he simply has no equal. He is a bombing, commanding orator. Drawing upon the skills of master writers like Richard Goodwin, Kennedy can deal it out toughly and effectively — as his Alabama speech showed. He is genuinely witty, loves the fun of the travel circuit, has a unique knack for participating well in the necessary hokum of campaigning while letting everybody know that it is hokum.

## Jeffrey Hart

## Does Childhood Really Exist?



A new magazine called Cricket has just been launched, designed for children from 6 through 10, or perhaps 12. The rationale is enormously attractive: that there exists such an audience for poems, stories and high quality art. This is not only an interesting publishing venture but also one that will tell us a good deal about the present state of American culture.

The sponsors of the magazine, Blouke and Marianne Carus of La Salle, Ill., have a lot going for them. A few years ago, their Open Court publishing company designed an elementary-school reading program based on genuine literature, instead of Dick and Jane, plus sophisticated teaching methods. By every objective index this has been an enormous success. The Caruses' primal insight was one of essential decency. They thought that we should not descend to elementary school children, they hypothesized that what we would find boring the

children would also find boring. Pedagogically, this insight has proved correct.

The new children's magazine is based on another primal insight, viz., that there are powerful anti-reading trends at work in American culture (true), that it is terribly important for these to be resisted (true), and that they can be resisted by literature properly selected (to be decided). Hence Cricket.

The anti-reading forces are easy to define. Reading is a private activity, connected with individualism. Earlier communal cultures, such as Homer's or Beowulf's, had a purely oral and ceremonial literature. Actually sitting down and reading something is a middle-class and recent thing, really becoming widespread in the 18th and 19th centuries. All of the "communal" and "group" tendencies of progressive education go against it. Life in the progressive classroom is, in effect, a public "interaction," "adjustment," and so on are the catchwords. Ten-year-olds today work on group "projects" rather than solitary reading ventures.

More profoundly, the question is now up as to whether childhood really exists any longer as a separate category, for childhood itself was a middle-class invention, did not in fact come into being until the middle of the 18th century.

If you look at Renaissance or medieval portraiture, you realize that those earlier epochs did not really look at, see, children. There, in the foreground, is the Duke or the Knight. At his side is his heir: a little man, dressed to resemble an adult, complete with little sword. Legs and head are in adult proportion, rather than in the very different childhood ones. School curricula were designed accordingly. Children were interesting and significant only as potential adults.

## BANDITS GET \$5,000

DETROIT (AP) — An eastside branch of the People's Federal Savings and Loan was robbed Wednesday of \$5,000 by three masked bandits.

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## SJ Firm Introduces Condominium Homes

### Public Showing Saturday, Sunday

Public showings are scheduled Saturday and Sunday on the first housing units built strictly as condominiums in the immediate Twin City area.

Woodgate by the Lake is a development by Town Homes, Inc., of St. Joseph, on 15-acres in Shoreham off Red Arrow highway.

Plans call for a total of 92 dwelling units in 23 buildings, plus an "amenities center" or clubhouse and recreation area. Total cost is pegged at \$2.5

million according to Ott DeGroff, sales representative for Town Homes.

The model building with four homes will be open for inspection Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5. Two other buildings, each with four homes, are under construction.

DeGroff said the first units will be ready for occupancy by Sept. 1.

Some apartments units in the area have switched from a rental basis to the condominium concept in which occupants own the dwellings. But DeGroff said Woodgate by the Lake is the first to be built strictly condominium.

Woodgate homes will sell in a range of \$24,900 to \$30,900 in sizes of two and three bedrooms.

"These prices are intended to open up living on Lake Michigan to people who otherwise couldn't afford it," said DeGroff.

Square footage of each home ranges 850 to 1,200, not counting basement.

Lake Michigan is 100 yards away from the nearest dwelling site as protection against erosion, DeGroff explained, and a seawall is planned for extra insurance. More than half of Woodgate's 15 acres will be devoted to open spaces.

Every condominium owner will automatically be a member of the Community Home Owners association, which for a fee of \$24 to \$30 monthly, will provide fire insurance, extended coverage and liability; exterior maintenance and repairs, domestic water and lawn care, according to DeGroff.

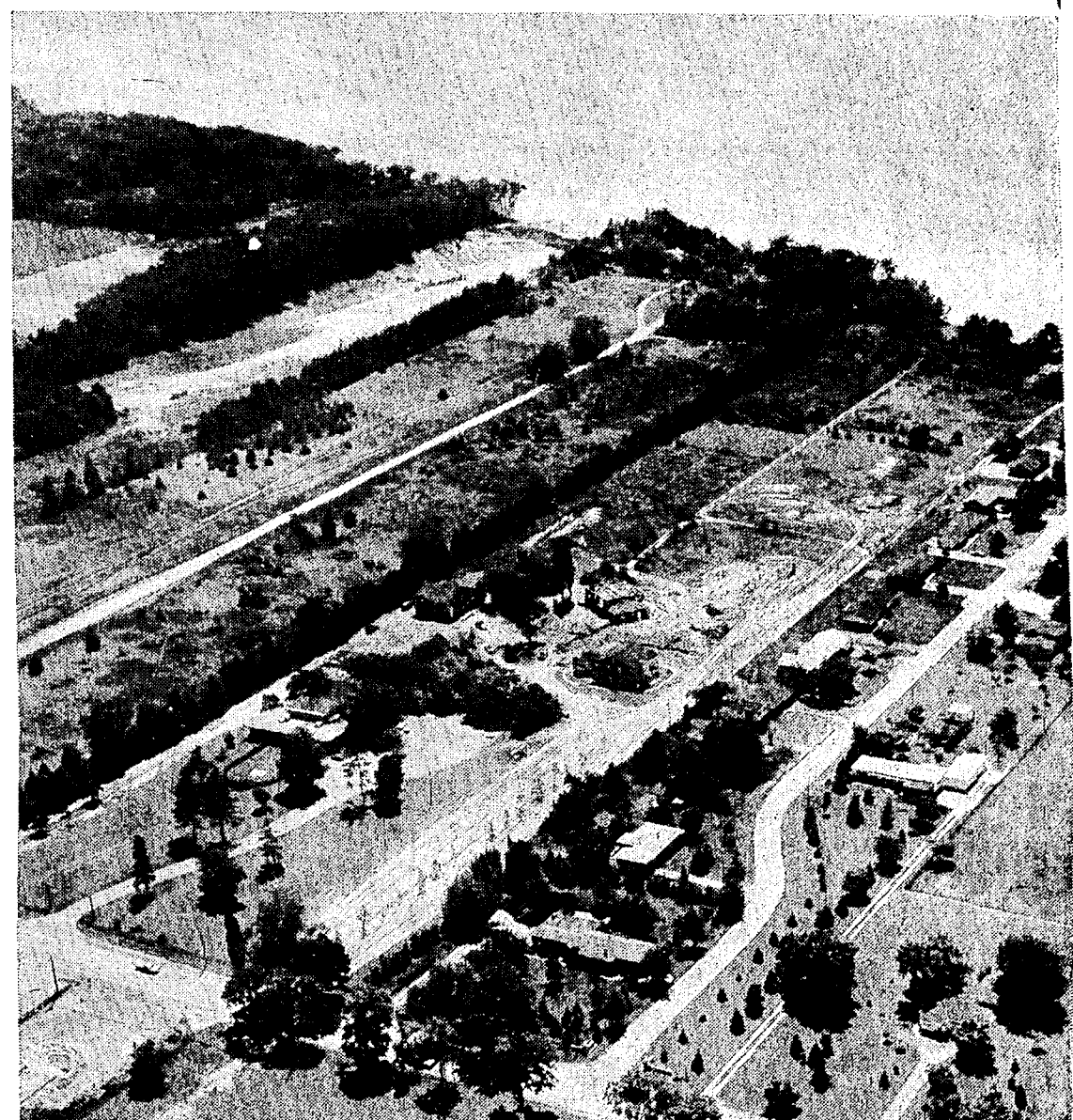
The owner will be responsible for maintenance of appliances, interior decorating, taxes and mortgage payments.

The condominiums are all-electric and come equipped with Whirlpool heating and central air conditioning, built-in oven and refrigerator and disposal. A one-car garage is provided for each unit.



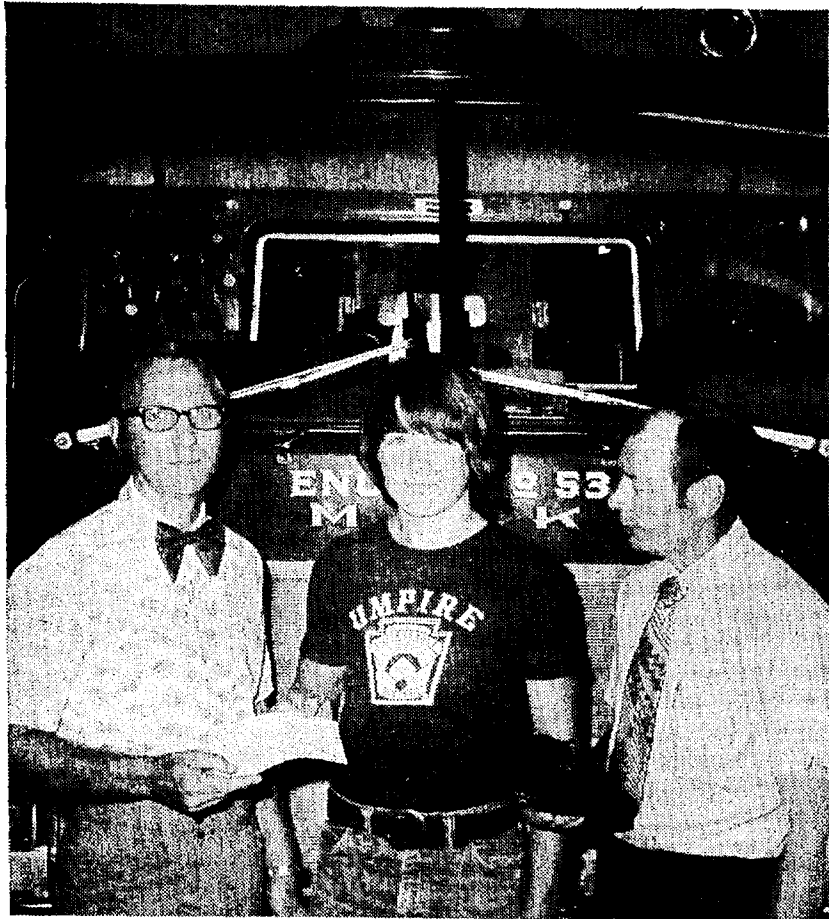
**READY FOR INSPECTION:** This structure contains four homes in condominium development off Lakeshore drive in Shoreham, two miles south of

St. Joseph. Utilities are total electric with appliances and heating by Whirlpool. Siding is brick and aluminum.



**WOODGATE BY THE LAKE:** Located behind Sinbad's West restaurant off Lakeshore drive in Shoreham is Woodgate by the Lake, a condominium development by Town Homes, Inc. One building is completed and two others are under

construction in center of photo. Public open house will be held this weekend in completed building which contains four homes. A total of 92 dwelling units in 23 buildings are planned for 15-acre parcel.



**HONESTY PAYS:** Doug Mikkelsen, 15, of 1308 Marion avenue, St. Joseph, receives check for \$25 from Ron Fritz, of Fritz and McKinney insurance company of St. Joseph. Mikkelsen received reward for turning in a Benton Harbor fire department walkie-talkie, being held by Fire Chief Harold Gaddie. The apparatus, valued at about \$800, had been stolen from the fire department in late June, and was found by Mikkelsen four days later near the fire station. Walkie-talkie is still intact, according to Gaddie. Fritz and McKinney agency insures many city-owned goods, including the walkie-talkies. (Staff photo)

## LMC Board, Union Fail To Narrow Gap

A mediation session with negotiating teams from Lake Michigan college and the LMC Federation of Teachers yesterday in Detroit failed to narrow the gap between the two sides.

Also, Donald Eppelheimer, secretary of the LMC board of trustees, said today he has notified leaders of a drive to recall Atty. Robert P. Small as chairman of the LMC board that they still lack sufficient signatures for a recall election. A hearing on a suit seeking a court ordered recall election is set for 2 p.m. today in Berrien circuit court.

William Elman, chairman of the Michigan Employment Relations commission, and Pete Wilks, a state mediator from this district, met separately Wednesday with the two teams

for about three hours. Wilks met with both sides for about 10 minutes to end the session without any movement toward agreement and without setting any new meeting date.

Dr. Walter Browe, LMC executive vice-president, said the teachers' union made a proposal that included: reinstatement of fired faculty members with 33 ready to return to work; union withdrawal of all law suits except the recall suit involving Robert Small, chairman of the LMC board of trustees; and bargaining conditions for a 1973-1974 contract settlement.

The college's position was that the fired faculty was properly terminated and that LMC has restaffed for the fall except for a few positions,

Browe said.

The college team did refer to a former proposal which would give fired teachers a financial settlement for not attempting to return to LMC, but it was not a formal proposal, Browe said.

"The union proposal was not realistic," Browe said. "They seem oblivious to our having hired a new staff for the fall. I feel sorry for their financial distress, but right from the start they were told this would happen. It was not a surprise at the last minute."

LMC Federation teachers went on strike in February after teaching about 7 months without a contract. On March 5, 54 were fired. About one-third of the original 66 have been rehired for the fall, Browe said.

The union officially asked for names of original faculty members who have been rehired as well as names of newly hired staff, from Browe.

Meanwhile, a hearing is set for 2 p.m. in the court of Berrien circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns on the recall suit contesting rejection of nearly 4,000 signatures by Eppelheimer.

The signatures were rejected by Eppelheimer last month on technical grounds. Recall leaders then gathered more signatures, but Eppelheimer said today that the number still is insufficient to call a recall election. The matter will be settled in court, he said.

#### IN HOSPITAL

**THREE OAKS**—Mrs. Ruth Howard, Three Oaks, has been admitted to Memorial hospital, Michigan City, Indiana.

### Ordinance Adopted

**DOWAGIAC**—The Silver Creek township board last night adopted a lot partition ordinance.

The new ordinance grew out of a request by two area lake property owners to split their lots for purposes of expansion.

The ordinance will allow property owners to split lots pending approval by the trustees. The ordinance was adopted under condition that the township board will reserve the right to define the term "parcel" as mentioned in the ordinance.

## Planners Discuss Regional Airport

**BATTLE CREEK**—Representatives from the five-county Region 3 planning area met at Holiday Inn here Wednesday to discuss the concept of a regional airport for Region 3.

The region covers Branch, Barry, St. Joseph, Kalamazoo and Calhoun counties. Representatives discussed aviation needs of the individual counties and major cities, including Kalamazoo and Battle Creek, and estimated that the region would need a regional airport about 1980-85, according to Clark Sullivan, executive associate of the Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce.

merce.

It was reported, however, that existing general airports will be needed and would not be replaced by any new regional airport, he added.

The five counties are expected to discuss where a new regional airport should be located and how to pay for it. They will meet again Sept. 11 in Battle Creek, Sullivan reported.

Wednesday's meeting was called by the aviation committee of the Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Working Along Hickory Creek

# Sewer Project Near Completion

BY BRANDON BROWN  
Staff Writer

The Berrien county board of public works (BPW) Wednesday learned that the contractor for the Hickory Creek sewer interceptor south of St. Joseph may estimate next week when the job will be done.

Dick Brissette, spokesman for Yerington & Harris, Inc., of Benton Harbor, contractor for the 7-mile-long suburban sewer line, told the BPW:

"I'd like to be able to give you one (estimate). We want out."

Y&H won the sewer job Dec. 31, 1969, with a \$1.5 million bid, later walked off the job but resumed construction after negotiating an estimated \$661,000 increase with local officials. Construction has been plagued by swampy ground and rainy weather.

Joseph D. (Jack) Craigmile, the engineer representative on the job, estimated Y&H has 2,200 feet of pipe left to lay—about 800 feet across proposed I-94 business loop in St. Joseph township, and about

1,400 feet in low ground along Hickory creek near Washington avenue in St. Joseph township.

The BPW Wednesday accepted a March 13 letter from the contractor indicating completion on Aug. 13, but Brissette explained this date referred to the I-94 loop crossing only.

Brissette Wednesday renewed a request first made Feb. 28 for an advance to the contractor of \$47,000 normally held until job completion.

He told the BPW in February the money was critical to the contractor. BPW members took no action on the request yesterday but Vice Chairman Lester Krumrie told Brissette it appears the BPW will promptly pay an upcoming \$62,000 Y&H bill for work completed.

Krumrie said it appears the BPW will pay the bill whether a suburban sewer authority—the Lake Michigan Shoreline Water & Sewer Treatment authority—approves it or not.

Friction between the authority and other agencies connected with public works projects has existed for

some time.

One friction point between the authority and the BPW is some \$13,000 in engineer firm bills. The BPW tabled these bills Wednesday "one more time" but Engineer Craigmile is to make a presentation to the authority to smooth the way for their payment, Krumrie said.

The authority fears there's not enough money to pay them but Krumrie indicates Craigmile's bills for Hickory creek services are within estimates, Krumrie said.

Also Wednesday, Drain Commissioner Harry Nye, a BPW member, said he's working on a proposed permit system for contractors crossing county storm drains.

Otherwise, he said, he has little knowledge of such crossings and whether the drains are properly restored.

The BPW meets again next Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the drain-planning office of the courthouse, St. Joseph.

### RUMORS DENIED

## Action Ambulance Still In Business

"We're very much in business and I intend to be until I retire at 65," said Action Ambulance President Melvin Huttenga Wednesday.

At least two calls were placed Wednesday saying Action was out of business. One went to the Benton Harbor city clerk's office and another to this newspaper.

Meanwhile, several pickets appeared outside Action headquarters at 155 Wall street, Benton Harbor, with signs saying "Action Unfair."

Five employees quit Action Tuesday in a labor dispute centered mainly on the company's reluctance to establish an employees' fund for furnishing the dormitory.

Huttenga said regular service continues as usual.



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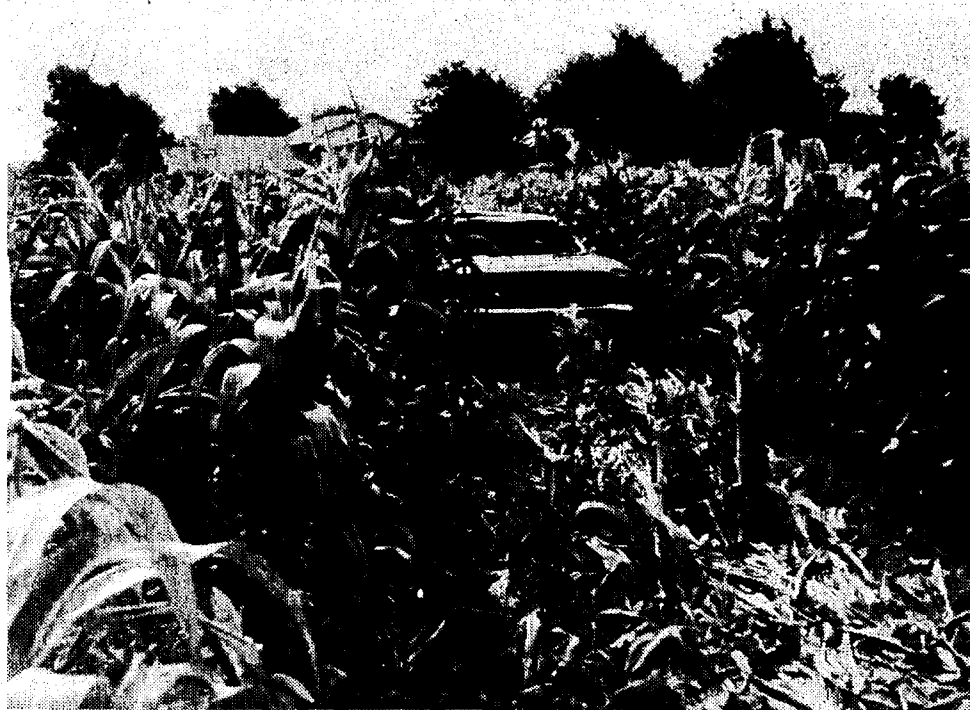
## Bangor Bond Is Voted Down

BANGOR— Bangor city voters defeated a \$150,000 bond issue proposition yesterday by almost a 5-1 margin.

With 234 out of 932 registered voters turning out, 193 voted against the proposal while 41 voted favorably, according to city election officials.

The bond issue was to have financed construction of improved storm drains on select city streets. Officials had estimated that an additional one-mill property tax levy over a 25-year span would have covered the repayment.

At the city's present valuation, the one-mill levy would have generated \$6,500 annually.



**DESTRUCTIVE PATH:** Driver of this car was injured and one horse killed after car left Kephart lane near Berrien Springs yesterday morning, clipping tree, hitting steel sign post and smashing through three fences. Two other horses were injured. Car traveled 900 feet after leaving road. Youth

identified as driver, Mark Young, 15, Lemon Creek road, Berrien Springs, was reported in good condition today in Berrien General hospital, Berrien Center. Horses were being trained as trotters and were in paddock area outside barn on Phillip Perock ranch when



struck by careening car. Car came to stop in corn field. No cause for accident was immediately determined by Berrien Springs - Oronoko township police. Officers said, however, driver's foot may have caught on gas pedal or pedal may have jammed. Police

said car was reported stolen by owner Milton Sluder, 111 Union street, Berrien Springs. They said he apparently did not know car was gone until after accident. Police said driver would be petitioned into juvenile court on complaint of auto theft. (Staff photos)



**DOG IN KINDERGARTEN:** Cindy Steele, 15, gives her leader dog trainee, Kelly, 3 months, a drink in a Jackson, Mich., park. She got the dog when it was 10 weeks old and will keep it about one year and its "kindergarten" training period. Kelly will then enter school at Rochester, Mich., for leader dog training. If he doesn't make the grade, he will be returned. Cindy teaches the dog simple obedience and exposes it to people and places people frequent.

## Paw Paw Lake Area Wants Answer Now

COLOMA — Paw Paw Lake planning commission last night requested that the builder of the \$2.6 million sewage treatment plant to serve the area submit in writing a date for beginning operation at the plant.

The commission previously had been told the plant would be ready for partial operation by May 23. The date was later postponed until June 15 and then July 6. Operation has not yet begun.

Commission action came on recommendation of Fred Munchow, commission chairman, after the contractor, J. F. Sadler, reported Aug. 1 as the target date now for beginning operations.

Atty. F. A. (Mike) Jones, counsel for the commission, was asked to see what penalties could be imposed on the contractor for the delay.

Munchow said the reason for concern stemmed from the need

for revenue to help meet repayment of the debt incurred to construct the system, including the plant. First payment on the debt, he said, is due Oct. 1.

The plant is part of a \$12 million system for the cities and townships of Watervliet and Coloma.

Revenue for repayment according to Munchow, is not totally available until persons in the townships start hooking into the system. Part of the funds is to come from a three-mill property tax rate already imposed in the two townships.

## Eau Claire School Registration Set

EAU CLAIRE — Registration of new students in the Eau Claire school district and students in the so-called Sodus transfer area will be taken at the Eau Claire schools beginning Aug. 1. Supt. Donald McAlvey said there has been a marked increase in inquiries about registration from the former Sodus, Mt. Pleasant and Chadwick districts in Sodus township. New tuition students will be accepted from only this transfer area, he said.

The transfer approved by the Berrien intermediate board on

May 2 is being held in abeyance pending action by the state board of education on an appeal opposing the transfer. State education department officials have indicated that the state board's decision probably will not be made before the start of the school year, in which case the transfer area will belong to the Benton Harbor district when school starts. Eau Claire will accept students from the transfer area on a tuition basis. Students in the Eau Claire schools last year were pre-registered last spring for the 1973-74 year.



**BAD AIM?** Benton Harbor police said this car wasn't trying to get into the garage of a house at 330 North McCord street yesterday—the power steering and brakes failed as it was turning a corner. Police identified the driver as Connie P. Allen, 20, no address available, and said she was not injured, nor ticketed. Accident occurred at 4 p.m. at residence of Porter Garrow. (Staff photo)

## Dentist Joining Andrews Center

BERRIEN SPRINGS— Dr. Victor L. Bigford, a dentist, has joined the staff of the Andrews University Medical center, university spokesmen have announced.

An alumnus of Andrews, Dr. Bigford has been engaged in private dental practice since 1962.

Dr. Bigford holds a bachelor of science degree from Andrews, and both a B.S.D. and a D.D.S. degree from the University of Illinois.

A member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, an honorary fraternity, he was a captain in the Air Force from 1960 to 1962.

He is married and the father of four children.

## Friend Of Court Choice Announced

PAW PAW — Stanley G. Driscoll, 56, of Lawrence, has been recommended for appointment by Gov. William Milliken as Van Buren county's friend of the court.

Circuit Court Judge David Anderson Jr. has forwarded his recommendation of Driscoll to Milliken after considering a number of applications for the job, the judge said.

The appointment became necessary after Fred B. O'Donnell, friend of the court since January 1, 1968, resigned effective last Friday.

O'Donnell said he was resigning because of reasons of health but also indicated he was not satisfied with his annual salary, \$10,450, lowest among department heads in county government.

It is presumed that Driscoll's salary will be the same for the remainder of this year as was O'Donnell's.

O'Donnell has accepted a job as court officer in Seventh District court here.

His salary has not been set yet by county officials, according to County Clerk Charles E. MacDonald.

Driscoll, who has lived in Lawrence township for the past seven years, is a former employee of Pitman-Moore Inc., a New Jersey based firm which manufactures and distributes medical supplies, medicines and equipment.

He worked for the firm for 22 years and had experience in management, accounting and auditing.

Driscoll retired from the firm in November of last year.

He and his wife Mabel have seven grown children.



STANLEY G. DRISCOLL  
Van Buren nominee

## Car Rolls Into River; Tot Saved

ST. CLAIR, Mich. (AP) — A 2-year-old child was rescued from a car which rolled into the Pine River Wednesday night, police reported.

Officers said the child, John Kellogg Jr. of St. Clair, was trapped in 20 feet of water after he shifted the transmission into neutral and the auto rolled 50 feet into the river. The child was alone in the auto, police said.

According to officers, George Bennet, 19, of St. Clair, jumped into the river and knocked a hole in the car's rear window with a hammer he took from a passing fishing boat. He then broke out the remaining glass with his hands and carried young Kellogg to safety, police said.

The child was uninjured, officers said, but Bennet suffered cut hands.

## More State Aid For Port Work

NEW BUFFALO — Additional state funds needed for the New Buffalo refuge harbor project have been approved by the state legislature and are awaiting the governor's signature, it was reported today.

The office of Senator Charles Zollar confirmed this morning that \$189,000 more in state funds needed for the project were included in a \$131 million capital outlay bill approved by both houses of the state government and on its way to the governor.

The money was needed before the U.S. Army Corps of En-

gineers could let a contract on the \$2.5 million harbor project.

Bernard Taylor, New Buffalo city manager, cited work by Zollar (R-Benton Harbor, Rep. Harry Gast (R-St. Joseph) and U.S. Congressman Edward Hutchinson (R-St. Joseph) for successful inclusion of the extra money into the bill at the last minute.

The additional funds had been needed to bring the state contribution up to 48 per cent of the cost of the project, required before federal funds appropriated for it could be used.

## Boating Death Being Reviewed

CASSOPOLIS — Cass county's prosecutor's office reported today it is reviewing the circumstances around a boating accident Sunday on Magician lake which claimed the life of a Chicago water skier.

Spokesmen for the office said no decision had been reached on whether charges would be initiated against a 14-year-old girl identified as driver of the boat which rammed and went over another boat.

The girl, Tamara Gnade, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Gnade, Chicago, escaped injury in the accident but reportedly suffered from shock.

According to authorities the boat struck the other boat just as the skier, Kurt Brown, 34, was climbing into it. Brown disappeared in the water and drowned. Two others in the boat were injured and hospitalized.

## Venetian Festival Queen Contest Friday Night

SAUGATUCK — An estimated 10,000 persons are expected to attend the 14th annual Venetian festival, Saturday, July 28, in Saugatuck.

The event, which is sponsored by the villages of Saugatuck and Douglas as well as local yacht clubs, will begin Friday night with the crowning of the Venetian Festival queen.

Two parades, an antique car procession featuring cars of the Kalamazoo Restorers club and the Grand Venetian Parade of boats on Kalamazoo lake, are slated for the celebration.

Other highlights include a band concert at Cook park; sail boat races; and a host of exhibits featuring one of the largest arts and crafts showings in Michigan.

Day-long family entertainment and competitive events for the kids will be available, and a fireworks display sponsored by the local fire department will complete the annual event.